der to regularise the services of LD employees also

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Orders to this effect have been issued.

(c) E. D. employees are appointed in regular vacancies in accordance with existing instructions.

Promotion avenues for extra-departmental employees

518. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to starred Question 335 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether all the vacant posts of Group 'D' and Postmen have been filled up from among the eligible EDAs;

(b) what is the number of Extra Departmental employees promoted to Group 'D' and Postmen as on 28th February, 1989; and

(c) the category-wise total number of ED employees as on 28th February, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir. However, Extra Departmental employees are given first preference in the matter of their induction into the outsiders quota of group D and Postman cadres. Other categories of staff are considered only when Extra Departmental Agents are not available or do not qualify the test as per existing instructions.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Determining the work load of ED Employees

519. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, the emoluments of ED employees are calculated on the basis of their workload;

(b) what is the procedure to determine the work load of each category of Ed Employees; and

(c) what is the periodicity of calculating their work load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work load of each category of ED employees is calculated on the basis of norms applicable to corresponding categories of regular departmental employees except in the case of ED Branch Post Masters for whom the work load is calculated on the basis of point system inforce.

(c) The periodicity of review of allowances on the basis of actual work load is 2 years in the case of EDBEMs/EDSPMs and 5 years in respect of all categories of ED employees other than EDBPMs/EDSPMs.

टेलीफोन के बढ़े-चढ़े बिलों के बारे में संसद सदस्यों की शिकायतें

520. **श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय को संसद सदस्यों के टेलीफोनों के बढ़े-चढ़े बिलों के बारे में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुईं;

(ग) टेलीफोनों के ऐसे बढ़े-चढ़े बिल बनाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) इस समय ऐसी कितनी शिकायतें लम्बित हैं और उनके लंबित पड़े रहने के क्या कारण हैं?